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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM ARP TWINAM

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP, MASS, YE, US

SUBJECT: YAR CHIEF OF STAFF VISIT

REF: A) STATE 51209; B) SANA 1005

1. FOLLOWING IS DISCOURAGING STATUS REPORT ON WHERE WE  
STAND ON FUNDING AL-GHASHMI'S TRAVEL. IN DEALING WITH  
DEPT. OFFICES CONTROLLING IMET FUNDS, WE HAVE RUN INTO  
ADAMANT DEFENSE OF POLICY THAT IMET NOT BE USED TO FUND  
INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL FOR OFFICIAL VISITS. WE MUST  
APOLOGIZE FOR OVERLY OPTIMISTIC ASSESSMENT THAT BECAUSE  
ORIGINALLY PROPOSED AL-GHASHMI VISIT IN A DIFFERENT  
CATEGORY COULD HAVE RELIED ON IMET FUNDING OF TRAVEL,  
WE HAD SOME CHANCE TO RETAIN THIS FUNDING SOURCE EVEN  
THOUGH HE HAD SHIFTED TO OFFICIAL VISITORCATEGORY.

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2. YOU SHOULD BE AWARE THAT CIRCUMSTANCES NECESSITATED OUR  
FORCING THIS ISSUE PRIOR TO FINAL APPROVAL OF DOLS  
80,000 IMET FOR YEMEN IN FY 77. WE PRESSED UNTIL POINT  
THAT I BECAME CONVINCED FURTHER INSISTENCE ON FUNDING  
AL-GHASHMI TRAVEL WOULD CRITICALLY JEOPARDIZE THE  
PROSPECTS OF OBTAINING THE DOLS 80,000. (AS OF THIS  
MOMENT'S READING YOU CAN ANTICIPATE EARLY RECEIPT OF

MESSAGE INDICATING DOLS 80,000 HAS BEEN APPROVED. THERE

MAY STILL BE POSSIBILITY OF OBTAINING ADDITIONAL YEAR-END FUNDS FOR FY 77 FOR IMET PROGRAM IN YEMEN BUT THIS IS NOT REPEAT NOT THE RIGHT TIME TACTICALLY TO ASK FOR IT. SANA 1018 COMING ON TOP OF OUR EFFORT TO FORCE AL-GHASHMI'S TRAVEL PLACED THE DOLS 80,000 IN ADDITIONAL JEOPARDY.)

3. LAST REMAINING HOPE FOR USG FUNDING FOR THIS TRAVEL, THEREFORE, RESTS WITH DOD. WE HAVE MADE STRENUOUS EFFORT TO ASSURE THAT DOD FULLY UNDERSTANDS THE PROBLEM YOU WERE FACING AND IS SENSITIVE AS HOST FOR PROPOSED VISIT TO YEMENI EXPECTATIONS IN SUCH MATTERS. FRANKLY, HOWEVER, I AM NOT CONFIDENT THAT DOD WILL FIND JUSTIFICATION FOR MAKING AN EXCEPTION TO WELL ESTABLISHED PRECEDENT OF NOT FUNDING TRAVEL FOR OFFICIAL VISITS.

4. YOU CAN BE CONFIDENT THAT THERE REMAINS BROAD POLICY SUPPORT FOR A LIMITED USG SECURITY ASSISTANCE INVOLVEMENT IN YAR. I AM FULLY SYMPATHETIC TO DIFFICULTIES YOU FACE IN TRYING TO EXTEND INVITATION TO AL-GHASHMI WITHOUT AGREEING TO FUNDING HIS TRAVEL. IF, AS APPEARS LIKELY, THERE IS NO ALTERNATIVE TO PRESENTING INVITATION ON THIS BASIS, I HOPE HE WILL ACCEPT. AT THIS STAGE HIS VISIT WOULD BE USEFUL IN BURNISHING THE IMAGE OF OUR SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN THE YAR.  
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